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Jazz at the Lobero presents

**The Django Festival Allstars
featuring Veronica Swift**

Friday, November 21, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Featured Sponsor: Schipper Construction Co.

Santa Barbara, CA, October 15, 2025 – Jazz at the Lobero presents **The Django Festival Allstars featuring Veronica Swift on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 7:30 PM**. Get ready for a musical experience that's electric, virtuosic, and straight from the heart. The band brings the legendary Django Reinhardt's gypsy jazz legacy roaring into the 21st century — and it's hotter than ever. With blazing guitar riffs, soaring violin lines, dazzling accordion solos, rock-solid rhythm, and deep grooves on the double bass, this all-acoustic ensemble blends old-school swing with fresh energy and contemporary flair. It's tradition with a twist — and it swings *hard*.

At the heart of **The Django Festival Allstars** is Samson Schmitt (lead guitar), son of gypsy jazz icon Dorado Schmitt, carrying the torch forward with passion and precision. Alongside him, a dream team of international virtuosos light up the stage with music that celebrates Django, channels Ellington and Armstrong, and surprises with original compositions — and even a Stevie Wonder moment. Fellow band members include Ludovic Beier (accordion & accordina), Pierre Blanchard (violin), Antonio Licusati (double bass), and Francko Mehrstein (rhythm guitar).

From the cafés of 30s Paris to today's biggest jazz stages, the Allstars keep Django's spirit alive — and dancing with original music in the style. They've appeared at SF Jazz, Kennedy Center, Birdland for 25 years, Dizzy's and Rose Hall, Jazz At Lincoln Center, Keystone Korner, Hollywood Bowl, Montreal Jazz Festival and Arts Centers Kimmel, Strathmore, Carnegie Hall and more and performed alongside Randy Brecker, James Carter, Joe Lovano, Cyrille Aimee, Anat Cohen, Madeleine Peyroux, Stefon Harris, and Regina Carter as their guests... to name a few.

Veronica Swift first gained major international attention in 2015 when she won 2nd place in the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz International Vocals Competition. Swift comes from an esteemed family background in jazz, her mom a jazz vocalist and educator, and her dad a highly regarded gifted jazz pianist. She tours the world at prestigious festivals, clubs, and arts centers, always demonstrating her astounding vocal agility, also known for amazing scatting... honoring her idol, the great Ella.

Tickets for **The Django Festival Allstars featuring Veronica Swift** are on sale now at Lobero.org and at the Lobero Box Office 805.963.0761. \$107 Premium Seating (*Premium ticket includes preferred seating location and an exclusive pre-show reception in the Lobero Courtyard with complimentary drinks and light bites, beginning an hour prior to showtime*), \$50 Section A, \$40 Section B. (*Ticket prices include a per ticket Lobero Facility Fee; other fees may also apply.*) A Brubeck Circle show.

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UPCOMING LOBERO LIVE EVENTS:

OCTOBER 2025

Lobero LIVE and Panda Man present **Go To Hale Quips & Clips – Covered in Music on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 6:52 PM**. A powerful celebration where timeless songs are reborn by emerging and seasoned artists. From stripped-down rock anthems to soul-stirring acoustic ballads, performers reimagine iconic tracks across decades and genres, honoring the originals while boldly making them their own. This show is more than a tribute; it's a vibrant exploration of musical legacy and proof that a great song never stops inspiring. Hosted by Hale Milgrim (former President/CEO of Capitol Records) and Richard Salzberg (aka Music Maniac), the program draws from their extensive personal archives. <https://www.lobero.org/events/go-to-hale-2025/>

Lobero LIVE presents **"Music Dialogue" with Heiichiro Ohyama and Friends on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM**. Step into world-renowned conductor Heiichiro Ohyama's musical kitchen, where, for the first time ever, he and four esteemed Chamber Orchestra alumni will come together to prepare and "taste-test" Antonín Dvořák's String Quintet No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op. 97, "American" 1st Movement Allegro non tanto. Through live rehearsal, dialogue, and experimentation, these masterful artists will chop, stir, season, and simmer Dvořák's manuscript — deconstructing its rich layers and exploring the hidden flavors often lost in fully plated performance. Q&A to follow. <https://www.lobero.org/events/music-dialogue-with-heiichiro-ohyama-2/>

NOVEMBER 2025

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS & Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Lookout Mountain – The Music of Laurel Canyon on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 7:30 PM**. The band features a stellar lineup of world-class musicians with deep

ties to this music and its legacy: James Raymond (keyboards/vocals), Steve Postell (guitar/vocals), Jeff Pevar (guitar/vocals), Kipp Lennon (vocals), Kiki Ebsen (keyboards/vocals), Gary Novak (drums), and Andrew Ford (bass). With rich harmonies and deep musicality, Lookout Mountain honors the Canyon's golden age while bringing its enduring songs to new audiences. Intro & presentation by Henry Diltz Photography, and with special guest Glen Phillips (Toad the Wet Sprocket). <https://www.lobero.org/events/lookout-mountain/>

Lobero LIVE presents **Samantha Fish + Robert Jon & The Wreck – Paper Doll Tour on November 18, 2025 at 7:30 PM**. One of the most formidable guitarists of her generation, Samantha's milestones include a GRAMMY® nomination for *Death Wish Blues* and invitations to tour with The Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton, SLASH, and more. On her new album *Paper Doll*, the artist offers up nine powerhouse songs that hit with an unstoppable force. Robert Jon & The Wreck has captivated audiences worldwide since 2011 with their powerful guitar work, rich vocal harmonies, and genre-blurring songwriting. Their latest studio album, *Red Moon*, marks a bold new chapter for the band. **Featured Sponsor: Schipper Construction**. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/samantha-fish/>

DECEMBER 2025

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS & Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Los Lobos with special guests Dave Alvin and the Guilty Ones, on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 7:30 PM**. The *Cinco Corazones* are back! For all the trailblazing musical acts who've emerged from Los Angeles, very few embody the city's wildly eclectic spirit more wholeheartedly than the multi-GRAMMY® winning band Los Lobos. Over the last five decades, the group has made an indelible mark on music history by exploring an enormous diversity of genres and building a boldly unpredictable sound all their own. <https://www.lobero.org/events/los-lobos-2025/>

EARL MINNIS PRESENTS & Lobero Theatre Foundation present **Tina Schlieske and Friends on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 7:30 PM**. This acclaimed musical experience, featuring Tina's sister, Laura Schlieske, alongside an exceptional lineup of Minneapolis musicians, brings together seasonal classics, selected covers, and original songs in one spectacular performance. A Brubeck Circle show. <https://www.lobero.org/events/tina-schlieske-band/>